



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: 7 - Mayor Mark Jensen, Vice Mayor Cindi Lagoudakis, Assembly Member Eric Castro, Assembly Member Bob Lynn, Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Nancy Strand and Assembly Member Kurt Wohlhueter

2. Voluntary Pledge

The pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

No minutes available.

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved, as submitted.

5. Public Hearings

None.

6. Bid Awards

None.

7. Visitors' Views Related to Agenda

Donnie Hayes shared a frightening experience he and his family had last year and how the Police Department responded with help, protection, and reassurance. He shared his views on how important it is for the community to step up and support the renovation of the municipal building so that the police officers have a safe place to work and will continue to work and live in Petersburg. He expressed his appreciation for their active involvement in community activities. Mr. Hayes reminded the Assembly that the building has needed updating since 1983. He also expressed his appreciation of the Assembly and Borough staff members' efforts thus far in moving the project along and his hope that the community will support it, as well.

8. Visitors' Views Unrelated to Agenda

Dave Kensinger spoke on behalf of himself and as a member of the Land Selection Committee. He began by reminding the Assembly that the Borough is entitled to acreage at the time of formation. He commented that most of the good property was set aside for either Mental Health, the University, or for other State purposes, leaving approximately 18,000 acres of land unselected. Mr. Kensinger informed the Assembly that other boroughs were able to select from vast quantities of land at the time of formation. Wrangell specifically accomplished this by going through the legislative process. He stated that Community Development Director Cabrera had drafted legislation, which Mr. Kensinger had already shown to Representative Kreiss-Tomkins, requesting all of the remaining unselected State land be made available to the Borough, so that the Borough would have a pool of land available for many different purposes. He suggested that the Assembly consider a resolution to request that all unselected land be made available to the Borough for selection. Mayor Jensen directed Clerk Thompson to place the matter on the next agenda for consideration.

9. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

No reports.

10. Consent Agenda**A. 2016/2017 Liquor License Renewal Applications**

Attachments: [Notice of Liquor License Renewal.pdf](#)

The Assembly voted unanimously to approve all three liquor license renewal applications.

11. Report of Other Officers

No reports.

12. Mayor's Report**A. January 19, 2016 Mayor's Report**

Attachments: [January 19, 2016 Mayor's Report.pdf](#)

Mayor Jensen read his report into the record.

13. Manager's Report**A. Report 1-18-2016**

Attachments: [Manager report 01182016](#)

Manager Giesbrecht read his report into the record. A copy is attached and made a permanent part of these minutes.

14. Unfinished Business

Ordinances for Third and Final Reading

- A. Ordinance #2015-16: An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map for Service Area 1 of the Petersburg Borough, to Rezone Parcel #01-007-647 at 205 South Third Street from Public Use (P-1) to Single-Family Mobile Home (SFMH)**

Attachments: [Ordinance #2015-16.pdf](#)
 [Map of 205 S. Third St.pdf](#)
 [Planning Commission Report on Rezone.pdf](#)

Ordinance #2015-16 passed by unanimous roll call vote.

15. New Business

- A. Resolution #2016-03: A Resolution Approving Funding For, and Approval of, a Sole Source Contract for Paving Services to SECON, a Subsidiary of COLASKA, INC.**

Attachments: [Sole Source Paving Request Memo.pdf](#)
 [Resolution #2016-03.pdf](#)

Vice Mayor Lagoudakis questioned Public Works Director Hagerman about where money would come from for unexpected items, since all of the money in the fund would go to the project. Director Hagerman responded that the Public Works Department budgets in a street materials line item each year, and it would be available for that purpose. At Assembly Member Stanton-Gregor's request, Director Hagerman explained the financial benefits associated with taking advantage of SECON's presence in Petersburg and saving the mobilization costs for the large upcoming paving projects. Assembly Member Lynn asked about the transfer of funds from use on the Rasmus Enge Bridge replacement. Director Hagerman informed the Assembly that with the recent repairs to the bridge by the Public Works Department and the upgraded weight rating, it is anticipated that the bridge could last at least another 15 years, so it has dropped below the paving projects on the priority list. Lastly, there was some discussion about the difficulties presented with establishing the area containing the bridge as a historical district.

The Assembly unanimously approved Resolution #2016-03.

B. Ordinance #2016-01: An Ordinance of the Petersburg Borough Adjusting the FY 2016 Budget for Known Changes

Attachments: [Ordinance #2016-01.pdf](#)

After a question from Assembly Member Castro, there was some discussion about the national forest receipts and the anticipation that Petersburg may not get any more after this year. When asked by Mayor Jensen about the underground utility work needed under some of the roads scheduled for paving, Director Hagerman informed the Assembly that the Public Works Department would be handling that work prior to paving.

After voting on the Ordinance, a motion was made and approved to revisit the decision to include a condition be placed on the Ordinance, based on advice of the Borough's attorney. A motion was then made to approve the Ordinance in its first reading, noting that a petition for referendum of Resolution #2016-01 dedicating funds toward the renovation of the municipal building complex has been filed and approval of the transfer of monies for the project are conditioned on the certification of the petition as insufficient. In the case of the petition being certified as sufficient, this portion of the Ordinance #2016-01 will be eliminated for the second reading scheduled for February 1, 2016.

Ordinance #2016-01 passed, with conditions, by unanimous roll call vote.

C. Goldbelt, Inc. Application for 30 Year Tidelands Lease in Hobart Bay

Attachments: [Goldbelt Inc. Application for Lease of State Tidelands in Hobart Bay.pdf](#)
 [Development Plans for Proposed Leased Tidelands in Hobart Bay.pdf](#)

After discussion among the Assembly Members, it was agreed that the Application would be supported but that there would be communication with the Department of Natural Resources requesting a condition of availability of the dock as emergency tie up for boats traveling in the area.

The Application was approved by unanimous vote.

D. Authorization to Begin Bid Process on the Drive Down Facility Bulkhead Loading Dock

Attachments: [Bulkhead Loading Dock Bid Recommendation Memo.pdf](#)
 [January 7, 2016 Harbor Board Minutes.pdf](#)
 [Bulkhead Loading Dock Cost Estimate.pdf](#)
 [Bulkhead Loading Dock Design & Construction Schedule.pdf](#)

Harbormaster Wollen shared that the Borough does not currently have enough property space to receive the dredge spoils from the project, so she would like to ask the contractor to dispose of it, which is a common practice; therefore, \$14,000 was budgeted in for this purpose. There was discussion regarding the possibility of using reserves to fund a portion of the project. This will be revisited after the bids come in.

Authorization was given by the Assembly by unanimous vote.

16. Communications

None.

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Recognitions

Vice Mayor Lagoudakis thanked Donnie and Meggan Hayes for their willingness to share their experience in support of the Police Department. Manager Giesbrecht expressed his appreciation to the Police Department for their hard work in confiscating another 240 dosage units of heroin headed for Petersburg.

B. Marijuana Ordinance

Mayor Jensen informed the Assembly that staff is currently drafting an ordinance and expressed his belief that this should remain on the agenda each meeting as an opportunity to discuss it as things progress. There was discussion about recent developments in other communities, the need for taxation if marijuana related businesses are established in Petersburg, and the idea of bringing the draft ordinance, once completed, before the Local Marijuana Regulation Advisory Committee for review before presenting it to the Assembly. Vice Mayor Lagoudakis also asked for verification that the no smoking in public buildings law would only apply to Service Area 1. Manager Giesbrecht was unsure, and Clerk Thompson assured her she would look into it.

C. Petersburg-Kake Access Road Funds

Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton-Gregor shared his idea of requesting reallocation of the funds allotted for the Petersburg-Kake Access Road to benefit capital projects in Kake and Petersburg. Discussion among the Assembly Members followed. Mayor Jensen asked that it be added as an item on a future agenda.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.